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Title: Need to set up Indian Institute of Water Management at Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu.

*SHRI K. PARASURAMAN (THANJAVUR): Hon. Madam Speaker, Vanakkam. Under the able guidance of Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma I wish to raise an importance in this House. I urge upon the Union Government to set up an Indian Institute of Water in my Thanjavur parliamentary constituency. In India we have only one such Water Management Institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. But as we have a population of more than 130 Crores in our country one such Institute will not suffice to cater to the needs of water management. The people living in Thanjavur and adjoining districts have been wholly dependent on Agriculture for the last 1000 years. Kallanai-The Grand Anaicut, a dam built by the Cholas, is a classical example for water management technology followed in our country. Cauvery water passes through Kollidam and reaches the Veeranam lake. The Kallanai is being preserved and protected by the Government of Tamil Nadu. Hon. Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma has been successful in implementing the Veeranam Scheme which provides drinking water to the people of Chennai. The people of Chennai have been praising Dr. Puratchithalaivi Amma for this spectacular achievement.

We face scarcity of water, particularly drinking water in several parts of our country. We have efficiently utilize our water management systems which are in practice for the more than 1000 years in our country. We should also create awareness among the people, particularly youth, women and students about the importance of preservation of these water management systems. I therefore urge upon the Union Government to immediately set up an Indian Institute of Water Management in my Thanjavur parliamentary constituency. Thank you.

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Bhairon Prasad Mishra is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri K. Parasuraman.

...(*Interruptions*)

HON. SPEAKER: This is 'Zero Hour.' Everybody goes on speaking for more than five minutes. This is not allowed.